Utilisation of the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI); (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production of coking coal

929. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) what is the amount of coking coal produced during the last three years;

(b) the quantum of coking coal imported to supplement the indigenous supply to various agencies; and

(c) by when the country will become self-sufficient in the production of coking coal?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The production of coking coal in the country during the last three years has been as under:— (In lakh tonnes)

	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
(i) Metallurgical coking coal	30535	290 74	314-88
(ii) Non-Metallurgical coking coal	59-67	65 66	81-02
TOTAL	365- 01	356 40	395-90

(b) The imports of coking coll in the country by Steel Plants (SAIL 1SCO) during the last three years were as under;—

1 1	Quantity	(in million tonnes)
1984-85	0665	(only SAIL imported in this year)
1985-86	2 454	
1986-87	2.560	

(c) While indigenous production, of medium and blendable coking coal is adequate, projections made upto 1994-95 indicate a continuing short-fall in the availability of prime coking coal. The import of superior qualities of prime coking coal would continue to meet the shortfall as well as for blending with indigenous mith coking coal to have a better quality input in coke ovens of Steei Plants.

पारीछा ताप बिजली घर

930. डा. गोविन्द दास रिछारिया: क्या **ऊर्जा** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि झांसी के निकट पारीछा स्थित ताप बिजली घर के दोनों यूनिट में खराबी आ जाने के कारण बंद कर दिए गए हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) सरकार ने उनकी मरम्मत कराने के लि क्या कदम उठाए हैं और इनकी मरम्मत कब तक कर दिए जाने की संभावना है ; और

(घ) सरकार ने भविष्य में ऐसी घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए क्या उपाय किए हैं ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में विद्युत विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती सुशीला रोहतगी): (क) से (घ) एल०पी० रोटर ब्लेडों के